

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A silver halide emulsion comprising a silver halide grain containing at least two metal complexes each giving an average electron releasing time of 10^{-5} to 3 seconds,

wherein among said at least two metal complexes, at least one metal complex gives an average electron releasing time of 10^{-5} to less than 10^{-2} second and at least one metal complex gives an average electron releasing time of 10^{-2} to 3 seconds, and all of said at least two metal complexes are metal complexes each having at least two kinds of different ligands;

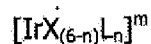
wherein two of said at least two metal complexes are a first metal complex and a second metal complex having at least three times longer average electron releasing time than that of the first metal complex and

the molar ratio of the amount of the first metal complex to that of the second metal complex is at least three times.

2. (previously presented): The silver halide emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least two metal complexes each has at least one organic ligand.

3-11. (canceled).

12. (original): The silver halide emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein among said at least two metal complexes, at least one metal complex is selected from the metal complexes represented by the following formula (I):



wherein

X is a halogen ion or a pseudo-halogen ion,

L is a ligand different from X,

n is an integer of 1 to 6, and

m is an integer of -4 to +4.

13-29. (canceled).

30. (previously presented): The silver halide emulsion as claimed in claim 1, which has a silver chloride content from 95 to 99.8 mol%.

31. (original): A silver halide color photographic light-sensitive material comprising a reflective support having thereon photographic constituent layers, the photographic constituent layers containing at least one yellow color-forming silver halide emulsion layer, at least one magenta color-forming silver halide emulsion layer and at least one cyan color-forming silver halide emulsion layer, wherein at least one of said silver halide emulsion layers contains the silver halide emulsion claimed in claim 1.

32. (original): The silver halide color photographic light-sensitive material as claimed in claim 31, wherein when said silver halide color photographic light-sensitive material is exposed with light at a wavelength to which the silver halide emulsion layer containing the silver halide emulsion claimed in claim 1 is sensitive and then subjected to color development, the obtained reflection density satisfies the relationship in the following formula:

$$DS_{0.1} - DS_{0.0001} \leq 0.3$$

wherein $DS_{0.1}$ represents a reflection density at an exposure amount, in terms of illuminance, $0.5\log E$ larger than the exposure amount necessary for obtaining a reflection density of 0.7 when exposed for 0.1 second with light at a wavelength to which said silver halide emulsion layer is sensitive and then subjected to color development, and $DS_{0.0001}$ represents a reflection density at an exposure amount, in terms of illuminance, $0.5\log E$ larger than the exposure amount necessary for obtaining a reflection density of 0.7 when exposed for 0.0001 second with light at a wavelength to which said silver halide emulsion layer is sensitive and then subjected to color development.

33. (original): The silver halide color photographic light-sensitive material as claimed in claim 31, which is a silver halide color photographic light-sensitive material for rapid processing of starting the color development within 9 seconds from the imagewise exposure and thereby forming an image.

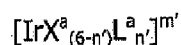
34. (original): The silver halide color photographic light-sensitive material as claimed in claim 31, which is a silver halide color photographic light-sensitive material for rapid

processing of completing the color development in 28 seconds or less and thereby forming an image.

35. (original): The silver halide color photographic light-sensitive material as claimed in claim 31, wherein the total coated silver amount in the photographic constituent layers is from 0.25 to 0.46 g/m².

36. (previously presented): The silver halide emulsion as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first metal complex is represented by the following formula (Ia) and the second metal complex is represented by the following formula (Ic):

Formula (Ia):



wherein

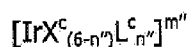
X^a is a halogen ion or a pseudo-halogen ion,

L^a is a ligand different from X^a,

n' is 1, 2 or 3, and

m' is an integer of -4 to +1;

Formula (Ic):



wherein

X^c is a halogen ion or a pseudo-halogen ion,

L^c is a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic compound having at least two nitrogen atoms and at least one sulfur atom in the ring skeleton and having an arbitrary substituent on a carbon atom in the ring skeleton,

n'' is 1, 2 or 3, and

m'' is an integer of -4 to +1.